



LOW PROFILE? Opposition Leader John-Paul Langbroek addresses a meeting held at Montego's Kawana Island yesterday.

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Phil set to sell lovely Cherub

AHOY shipmates, here's a unique chance to buy your own piece of Australian maritime history and enjoy South-East Queensland's water wonderland in luxurious comfort.

Bribie Island boating enthusiast Phil Mumford has his magnificently restored ex-HMAS Melbourne captain's launch for sale after four years of cruising Moreton Bay and surrounds.

Phil said the 36-year-old boat had been meticulously maintained, as you would expect, being the one-time personal transport vessel of Australia's naval flagship commander.

"Every wire in the electrical system is individually numbered and the hull would have about 150 coats of paint on it.

I think onboard punishment must have been to give the captain's launch another coat," he laughed.

The Cherub as Phil named the vessel, was sold off by the Navy when the HMAS Melbourne was de-commissioned in 1982.

Subsequently bought by an ex-Navy sailor from whom Phil bought it, the boat has been re-powered by twin-screw 210hp GM diesel engines.

It gets along at a good clip with a top speed of 18 knots.

It cruises at 10-12 knots.

The 12-tonne fibreglass sheath oregon hull carries 700 litres of fuel and 200litres of water on board, sleeps six in comfort and has a galley.

Contact Phil on 0421 623 316. — JOHN HAMMOND



RESTORED: The Ex-HMAS Melbourne captain's launch.

King of nothing?

By OWEN JACQUES

THE colour from John-Paul Langbroek's face drained slightly yesterday as he sat and listened to a speaker describe oppositions as being almost "kings of nothing".

The MC at yesterday's Boardroom Lunch was outlining how hard it was to be out-of-government and described it as an "aspirational role".

But the king-of-nothing theme stuck for the length of the meeting at Montego's on the Bay at Kawana Island.

The LNP and state Opposition leader slammed the State Government for their neglect of Queensland and

State Opposition leader receives a battering

his party's commitment to delivering a hospital at Kawana "before the Labor Government".

"We have great support from the local community - nowhere else in the state have we had that support," Mr Langbroek said.

He said despite suffering a horror couple of weeks, that featured two defections from the party and a federal LNP member being expelled, unity was still a strength within the party.

The LNP leader also la-

mented that the party could not achieve the same high

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profile as other politicians because state government members rarely appeared on television shows, whether it be Q&A or political talkfest insiders.

After a strong presence at

the podium, the floor opened up to questions and the first comment was from an accountant representing Mobbs and Company and it was a doozy.

"I've been a member of the Liberal Party for 10 years and I had no idea who you were when you walked in," he said.

Mr Langbroek joked that he had tried to lift his profile with "these things called billboards", a reference to the battering the LNP received when it applied to use public funds for the advertise-

ments.

Another question of why the LNP was not "landing blows" on the Bligh government was met with, "That's for the people to judge".

When the would-be Premier was thanked by organiser Tony Long from Place-makers, a slip-of-the-tongue meant he was referred to as Lawrence Springborg, which was laughed off by both the audience and Mr Langbroek.

But by that stage, the 'king-of-nothing' tag certainly seemed to be the elephant in the room.

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